

Name _____

Read each story.
Follow the directions.



This year, Grandma is going to let me plant the garden. She says I am now big enough to do all the work. I will plant rows of corn. Corn is my favorite.

I will build frames for the beans to grow on. I will put wire cages over the tomato plants. The cages will keep the plants from falling over.

1. **Circle** the sentence below that tells the big idea of the story.
Gardens take a lot of work.
I will plant corn and beans.

2. **Underline** the parts of the story that helped you tell the big idea.

Aunt Deb will help me make a window box to plant flowers in. It will be like having a little garden. I will water my plants.

I can watch them grow. I will have pretty flowers right outside my window. My neighbors will enjoy them too.

3. **Circle** the sentence below that tells the big idea of the story.
Aunt Deb is going to help me.
Window boxes make good flower gardens.
4. **Underline** the parts of the story that helped you tell the big idea.
5. **Write** a big idea for a story you would like to write.



Home Activity Your child identified the theme—the big idea—of a story. Together, choose a big idea that you both think is important, such as: *Always share what you have with others*. Help your child write about an event in his or her life that supports this big idea.